

**Fourteenth Annual/Business Meeting
Mansfield Downtown Partnership, Inc.
Thursday, June 11, 2015
6 PM**

Center for Hellenic Studies Paideia, 28 Dog Lane, Mansfield

Minutes

1) Call to Order and Welcome

President Philip Lodewick called the meeting to order at 6:15 pm. Mr. Lodewick thanked Ilias Tomazos for again hosting the Partnership at the Center for Hellenic Studies Paideia. He thanked Partnership members for their great support. Mr. Lodewick recognized the Town of Mansfield and the University of Connecticut for their on-going support. He also recognized major Partnership sponsors Karen and Bill Kennedy, LeylandAlliance, the UConn Co-op, Wilcox & Reynolds, and Windham Hospital. Mr. Lodewick recognized Partnership staff Cynthia van Zelm, Kathleen Paterson, and Sarah Delia for their good work.

2) Public Comment

Peter Millman reminded the audience that the Town's budget referendum was coming up and includes funding for the Partnership. He encouraged people to vote and to support the budget.

3) Remarks from Dr. Gina Barreca, Professor of English at the University of Connecticut, and Humorist

Mr. Lodewick welcomed and introduced Dr. Gina Barreca. Dr. Barreca talked about her experiences living in Mansfield and the sense of community that the downtown has brought to the town.

4) Approval of Minutes from June 11, 2014 Annual Meeting

Harry Birkenruth made a motion to approve the June 11, 2014 minutes. Betsy Paterson seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

5) Election of Directors to the Mansfield Downtown Partnership, Inc., Board of Directors

Mr. Lodewick, Chair of the Nominating Committee, said the Committee was recommending George Jones, June Krisch and Diana Pelletier to serve on the Partnership Board for a three-year term. Mr. Lodewick asked if there were any nominations from the Floor. Hearing none, Toni Moran made a motion to elect George Jones, June Krisch, and Diana Pelletier to three-year terms on the Board of Directors until June 30, 2018. Ms. Paterson seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

6) Approval of amendment to the Partnership Bylaws

Mr. Lodewick requested a motion to approve an amendment to Article 5 of the Partnership's Bylaws which would give the Board the authority to appoint a former Board member as Director Emeritus. Lon Hultgren

made a motion to amend Article 5 of the Bylaws, as noted. George Jones seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

7) A.J. Pappanikou Volunteer of the Year

Tom Callahan, Chair of the Finance and Administration Committee, recognized Curt Hirsch as the AJ Pappanikou Volunteer of the Year. He noted Mr. Hirsch's commitment on the Partnership's Business Development and Retention Committee and his volunteer efforts at many events including the Festival, Square Fair, and UConn Orientation. Mr. Callahan also recognized Mr. Hirsch for attending almost all the Partnership events and especially wearing his Manchester Road Race Christmas tree costume at the Partnership's Winter Welcome event. Mr. Hirsch thanked the Partnership for the award and said he felt it was very important to volunteer as a community member.

8) Recognition of Board Members Harry Birkenruth and Dennis Heffley

Mr. Lodewick recognized outgoing Board members Harry Birkenruth and Dennis Heffley for their service on the Board. He noted Mr. Birkenruth's service on the Finance and Administration Committee and his strong encouragement to the development team to provide for-sale housing as part of Storrs Center.

Mr. Lodewick recognized Mr. Heffley's willingness to volunteer at many events and his promotion of the economic benefits of Storrs Center.

Mr. Birkenruth and Mr. Heffley expressed their enjoyment of being part of the Partnership and their delight with the changes that have taken place with Storrs Center. They commended Mr. Lodewick for this leadership.

Mr. Lodewick presented photographs of Storrs Center to Mr. Birkenruth and Mr. Heffley.

9) Adjourn

Hearing no other business, a motion was made by Ida Millman and seconded by Bill Simpson to adjourn. The motion was approved and the Annual Meeting adjourned at 7:07 pm.